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## **Body Piercing Risks Explained**

Know the risks. Make an informed decision

### **I'm thinking of piercing my body, what are the risks?**

Anytime you pierce the skin, there is a chance you could become infected with Hepatitis B, C or HIV and other infections. There is no cure for Hepatitis B, C or HIV. A preventative vaccine is available for Hepatitis B. If you are concerned, you should be immunized before getting your piercing.

Body piercing can leave a permanent scar.

A mouth piercing may cause dental damage, enamel erosion and broken teeth.

A tongue piercing may change the way you speak.

Make sure that you are not allergic to chemicals or jewelry used in the piercing.

Don't drink alcohol or use drugs before being pierced. Alcohol and drugs thin your blood, which could cause too much bleeding. Your judgement should be clear.

The body is a powerful tool of communication. What message do you want to send?

### **What you should know before piercing:**

For safer body piercing, take the time to find a professional artist; such as those at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ BODY ART SHOP. They are better equipped to pierce safely.  
Home piercing is not a good idea.

\_\_\_\_\_ BODY ART SHOP is clean, sanitary and well lit. It has first rate hand washing facilities in its procedure areas. Our piercers always wash their hands and immediately put on new disposable gloves before beginning your piercing.

Make sure the jewelry being used is made for piercing and designed for the body part being pierced.

If a piercing gun is used, we will only use on earlobes. Only sterile, surgical, single use disposable piercing needles are used for body piercing.

The equipment used for your piercing has all been cleaned and sterilized.

Needles forceps, corks, and jewelry are removed from sterile sealed packages in front of you.

Before piercing, the site will be cleaned and wiped with a skin antiseptic.

If you are considering getting pregnant within the next year, or you are now breast feeding, don't get a piercing.

If the person who pierces can't or won't answer all of your questions, don't be intimidated. Leave and find a different body art practitioner. It's your body, your money and your choice.